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Identical letters dated 19 May 2014 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I wish to transmit the following information:

- At 1130 hours on 1 May 2014, an Israeli enemy patrol comprising two Hummer vehicles and a Defender vehicle approached opposite the Abbadin position at points B71-2 and B72, near the town of Hawla. Seven members stepped out, opened the gate in the technical fence and crossed the Blue Line at the point having the coordinates Q:736701-N:3676770, entering Lebanese territory by some 20 metres. At 1150 hours, they returned into occupied territory.

- At 1240 hours on 9 May 2014, in the locality of Shahl on the outskirts of Shab'a town, a 15-person Israeli enemy patrol crossed some 50 metres into the area to which Lebanon maintains a claim. They attempted to abduct the civilians Isma'il Qasim Zahrah, Muhammad Husayn Zahrah and Isma'il Husayn Zahrah, who fled, and seized their herd of some 100 head of goats. At 1320 hours, the patrol withdrew into occupied territory, releasing the goats.

- At 1055 hours on 11 May 2014, while the Israeli enemy was clearing grass between points M1 (to which Lebanon maintains a claim) and M2, opposite Ra's al-Naqurah, one of the engineering machines extended its boom over the technical fence into Lebanese territory, where it removed some grass. At 1200 hours, the same machine uprooted a tree on Lebanese territory and damaged another. In so doing, it removed the camouflage from a Lebanese Army fortification some 100 metres west of point M2(2). The machine also moved two cement blocks from within Lebanese territory, placing them south of the technical fence. Enemy forces stopped work at 1400 hours and resumed it at 1500 hours between points M2(2) and B3, north of the technical fence. Work continued until 1630 hours.

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- Between 1600 hours and 1635 hours on 12 May 2014, while the Israeli enemy was carrying out digging work next to the technical fence 25 metres east of point B4, opposite Naqurah, debris was shovelled north of the Blue Line into Lebanese territory.

- Between 1000 hours and 1100 hours on 12 May 2014, some 200 metres from the Lebanese coast off Ra's al-Naqurah, three Israeli enemy launches released two divers, who installed a new yellow conical buoy 25 metres from the existing row of buoys positioned by the Israeli enemy. In so doing, they committed a violation by penetrating 25 metres into Lebanese waters, as well as by installing the buoys. The divers then left on a launch into occupied Palestinian territorial waters. At 1145 hours, two Israeli launches proceeding from within occupied Palestinian waters removed the old buoy No. 1.

Those actions are a clear violation of my country's sovereignty and of the relevant international resolutions, particularly Security Council resolution 1701 (2006). They also clearly contravene the Charter of the United Nations and the principles and provisions of international law. I reiterate my Government's commitment to its obligations under international resolutions and, on behalf of my Government, call on the Security Council to condemn those violations in the strongest possible terms and prevail on Israel to end its violations of Lebanese sovereignty, whether in the air, at sea or on land, and implement all of its obligations under Security Council resolution 1701 (2006).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the sixty-eighth session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 35, and of the Security Council.

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